

Springs, and the drovers' stands were converted to accommodate a higher clientele seeking the healing waters of the springs. The history of this area also includes the first golf course in the Southeast, the imprisonment of German merchant sailors during World War I and the development of the Appalachian Trail. While in Hot Springs,



Appalachian Trail Crosses U.S. 25/70

take a side trip on Paint Rock Road (S.R. 1300). This leads to the area's best known landmark, a sheer rock cliff on which early settlers found painted images of humans and wild animals.

Turn onto U.S. 25/70 and travel three miles outside of Hot Springs where the Appalachian Trail crosses the road via an overhead bridge. Then, follow U.S. 25/70 to Walnut, once called Jewell Hill before it was incorporated in 1905. The byway ends here, but motorists may continue south to Marshall and the intersection of the French Broad Overview (pg. 35).



Length: 45 miles
Drive Time: 1.5 hours
Counties: Haywood and Madison